

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4.

The National Intelligencer devotes columns from the Southern papers to show the "temper, condition, and prospects of the South." They may all be condensed in a line or two—temper, good; condition, at present, bad enough as far as relates to material prosperity;—prospects, favorable, if the people are treated kindly, and allowed time to recuperate. The restoration of the Union admitted on all hands, and allegiance to the government universally acknowledged.

The contradictory nature of the news from Mexico published in the newspapers, is such, that it is impossible, almost, to get at the truth. The last statement is that the French commanders are making wholesale arrests of suspected individuals—that the Liberals are far from being subdued—and that the French troops are shut up in the towns. On the other hand, it is stated that Maximilian is sweeping everything before him, and holding the reins firmly.

During the session of the Episcopal Convention, which was held recently in Baltimore, a number of the Clerical and Lay Delegates met together to consult as to the best means of providing for the relief of the Southern Church and Clergy. Their deliberations resulted in the appointment of a committee of five members, to which five others were subsequently added, with authority to carry out the views of the meeting. In pursuance of the duties which were thus devolved on the committee, a Circular has been addressed to the Clergy and Laity of the Episcopal Church in Maryland, calling upon them for prompt action in behalf of the Southern Churches and the Southern Clergymen who have been reduced to a state of utter destitution.

Hon. E. C. Cabell, formerly member of Congress from Florida, writes from Memphis, Tenn., to the N. Y. Tribune a letter on the condition of the Southern States, and especially their need of labor. He says: "The experiment of free labor must, and will have, a full and fair trial, and for himself, Mr. Cabell says he believes it will be far more successful than is generally believed."

The price of printing paper, printing material, &c., &c., is now increasing. In the meantime the publishers of newspapers are not increasing their rates of subscription or of advertising. They remain as they have been since the war. So that the publishers bear all the burthens, and reap none of the profits.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Superintendent of the Freedmen's Village at Arlington, reports to the Freedmen's Bureau that he has about 1,200 freed people under his charge to whom 14,185 rations have been issued during the past month. One hundred and forty of these occupy houses for which they pay rents, 309 have employment, while a number are dependent and sick.

Mr. Peter Force has a library of 50,000 volumes, and the most complete collection of American history in the country. This accumulation of books commenced more than fifty years since.

Gen. E. S. Bragg has been detached from duty on the Military Commission now trying Wirz. The counsel of Wirz asked the reason, when he was told that "it was none of his business."

The statement that Gens. Lee, Johnston, and other late Confederate officers, had been subpoenaed as witnesses for the defence in the trial of Capt. Wirz, is premature. No such steps have yet been authorized.

There is every reason to believe that the colored troops now stationed in the Southern States will be speedily withdrawn and mustered out of service.

On Monday, the President signed and sent to the State Department for the signature of Secretary Seward, one hundred and ninety pardon warrants, principally for parties from Georgia.

Over one thousand men employed in the quartermaster's department of Washington as teamsters, forage masters, &c., have been discharged within the past few weeks.

The City Councils have passed an ordinance concerning contracts, with a proviso that no contract be given out without a guaranty that the hours of labor under it shall not exceed eight hours a day.

A large number of white and colored male prisoners confined in the jail, embracing many desperate characters, awaiting trials for heavy offences, concocted a plan in which all were to participate, to escape by overpowering and murdering the guard when let out into the yard enclosure. The plan was frustrated by timely precaution.

VIRGINIA ITEMS.

The inauguration of Gen. Robt. E. Lee, as President of Washington College, at Lexington, took place on Monday.

The indictment against Judge Camden, of Harrison Co., for horse stealing—the horses were taken in some raid made by the late Confederate troops—has been dismissed, and the Wheeling Register says all respectable men denounce this mean attempt to throw a stigma upon the name of an honorable man. Judge C. was not even in the county, when the raid was made.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the freedmen was held in Petersburg on Monday night, which was addressed by Capt. Burns, of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Judge Coleman will hold courts in Lancaster on the 4th of November, in Northumberland on the 7th of November, in Richmond county on the 8th of November, and in Westmoreland on the 9th of November.

At Split Rock wharf, last week, in Stafford county, Mr. Hedgman and Mr. King caught three hundred and fifty perch in three and a half hours.

There are about one hundred students of the University now on the ground. It is believed that the number will reach two or three hundred.

The office of the Lynchburg Virginian, was robbed of \$900 Friday night. No clue was found to the robbers.

A tri-weekly line of canal boats has been established between Lynchburg and Richmond for the more speedy transmission of freight. A daily line will be put on if needed.

Col. W. Winston Fontaine, a graduate of the University of Va., has accepted charge of the Fredericksburg female high school.

The funds recently raised by collections in the Catholic Churches of the Arch-Diocese of Baltimore, for the relief of the South, are not intended for the special relief of the sufferers belonging to that Church; but the relief is to be bestowed upon all deserving parties without regard to creed. This is noble and generous.

The N. Y. Express states that the letter which lately went the rounds of the papers, purporting to be one from the late President Lincoln to the late Gen. Wadsworth, expressing opinions in favor of negro suffrage, was "a bogus or forged letter."

Several riots have occurred at Memphis recently between the negroes, both civilians and soldiers, and the police authorities of that place. The leaders were subsequently seized by order of General Smith, and whilst some of them were held for trial, others, less guilty, were set to work with ball and chain.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, October 4.—Gold, 144½.

Commander M. F. Maury formerly of the U. S. Naval Observatory, and in the late Confederate Navy, has arrived in New York.

Business is improving in Charleston, and houses are being built up.

James L. Orr accepts the nomination for Governor of South Carolina.

MARRIED.

On Thursday morning, the 28th day of September, at the residence of B. H. Shackelford, esq., in Charlottesville, by the Rev. R. K. Meade, Miss FANNIE S. GREEN, to CASIUS CARTER, esq., of Prince William county, Va.

DIED.

On the 2d inst., at the residence of his grandfather, Mr. Richard Randall in King George county, CUSTIS LEE, infant son of Wm. L. and Mary J. Pratt.

To the Voters of the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, composed of the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax, Prince William, Fauquier, Loudoun, Clarke, Warren, Frederick, and Shenandoah:

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In reply to the enquiries made about my views on Negro Suffrage, I beg leave to repeat what I said at Fairfax Court House, on Monday, the 18th ultimo, that the question of Suffrage was a matter entirely for each State to regulate for itself, and with which Congress has nothing to do. This being my most decided opinion, should I be elected to Congress, and get my seat, I shall act and vote in accordance with the wishes of the State as expressed by the General Assembly and the people of the State.

This ought to be satisfactory to the voters and people of the district.

Your obedient servant,

LEWIS MCKENZIE.

Alexandria, Oct. 4, 1865. oc 4—dtd

GUANO—REED'S AMMONIATED SUPERPHOSPHATE OF LIME.—The best superphosphate yet offered to the farmer, possessing all the activity of Peruvian Guano, but being far more durable in its effects.

It contains a large amount of animal matter in a highly concentrated form, which, combined with its soluble bone phosphate of lime, cannot fail to render it very valuable as a fertilizer. Notwithstanding we believe it to be the best super-phosphate in the market, yet, by a process peculiar in its manufacture, whereby the expenses are lessened, we are enabled to sell it very low, with a liberal discount to dealers.

M. ELDRIDGE & CO., Sole Agents, No. 4, South Wharves, Alexandria, Va. oct 4—tf

DECLINE IN VA., BANK NOTES.—The notes of the Farmers Bank and other institutions claiming the gold and silver coin sent off from Richmond on the memorable 3d of April, declined yesterday about five per cent. in consequence of the failure of the efforts to recover the confiscated treasure. Mr. W. H. Macfarland, who represents the interests in this matter of the several banks, returned from Washington last Saturday night. It was currently reported yesterday that his efforts to satisfy the Secretary of War that the coin was the property of the banks had proved unsuccessful; Mr. Stanton having decided that the treasure had been confiscated. The brokers accordingly reduced their buying rates, and some of them declined to buy at any price in the absence of orders. Holders, however, seemed to derive some comfort from the statement that Mr. Macfarland had placed a memorial from the banks, with accompanying papers, in the hands of his Excellency President Johnson, and the hope was entertained by them that he would review the decision of the Secretary of War. The amount involved is estimated at about \$100,000.—[Richmond Republic.

PRICE OF VIRGINIA BANK NOTES.—Bank of Berkeley, 75 cents; Bank of Commerce, Fredericksburg, 30; Bank of Charleston, Charleston, 15; Bank of Howardville, 10; Bank of Old Dominion, 32; Bank of Rockbridge, 30; Bank of Rockingham, 30; Bank of Richmond, 20; Bank of Scottsville, 10; Bank of the Valley, 30; Bank of Virginia, 30; Bank of Winchester, 30; Bank of Wheeling, 95; Central Bank of Virginia, 10; Corporation of Alexandria, 50; Corporation of Georgetown, 85; Danville Bank, Danville, 22; Exchange Bank of Virginia, Norfolk, and branches, 23; Exchange Bank, Weston, 95; Exchange Bank, Alexandria, 45; Farmers' Bank of Fincastle, 30; Farmers' Bank of Richmond, 23; Fairmont Bank, 95; Merchants' Bank, Lynchburg, old 30, new 24; Manufacturers' and Farmers' Bank, Wheeling, 95; Monticello Bank, 10; Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank, Wheeling, and branches, 95; Northwestern Bank at Jeffersonville, 75; Northwestern Bank, Wheeling, and branches, 95; Bank of Pittsylvania, 5; Southwestern Bank of Virginia, Wytheville, 30; Traders' Bank, Richmond, 30.

The Freemasons of South Carolina having appointed Henry Buist as State delegate to the National Masonic Convention in Kentucky, he accepts in a letter, in which he says that the South having failed, submission to the result should be equally sincere; that they all as individuals owe allegiance to the Government of the United States.

Various letters of Secretary Seward, indicating the strict course of neutrality to be pursued by the United States towards the contending parties in Mexico have been made public.

NEW FALL GOODS.

C. C. BERRY, NO. 72, KING STREET. Has just returned from the North with a complete assortment of GOODS in his line, which he is prepared to sell at pleasing prices to his customers and the public generally. He names in part:—Ladies', Gent's and Children's Hosiery. " " " Silk and Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs. " " " Gloves—a large assortment. Cambric Edgings and Insertings. Cotton and Thread Edgings. Lace and Linen Collars. Lace and other Veils. French and Domestic Corsets. Worsted Hoods, Shawls, Talmas, &c. Zephyr Worsted in large variety. Hoop and Bulmoral Skirts. Knitting Cotton and Yarns. Velvet Ribbons—all widths. Dress and Cloak Trimmings and Ribbons. Dress Buttons in great variety. Spool Cotton, Tape, Thread, Needles, Pins, Cravats, Suspenders, Combs, Brushes, Soaps, Perfumery, in fine every desirable article usually found in a VARIETY and TRIMMING STORE. oct 4—1m

NEW EXPRESS LINE.

BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA & ALEXANDRIA, GEORGETOWN & WASHINGTON, D. C. VIA CANAL. Good substantial and well adapted FREIGHT STEAMERS comprise this new line, which will sail on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY of each week from Philadelphia, and TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS from Alexandria, at 12 m. Freight, &c., at moderate rates. For particulars, apply at—AGENTS—M. ELDRIDGE & CO., No. 4, South wharves, Alexandria. JOHN B. DAVIDSON, No. 59, Water st., Georgetown & Washington. WILLIAM P. CLYDE, oct 4—tf No. 14, North Wharves, Philada.

THE PIONEER MILLS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Have been re-opened, by the undersigned, who will purchase WHEAT, CORN, and RYE, & FLOUR BARRELS, and will keep a constant supply of FAMILY, EXTRA, and SUPER FLOUR; also, Mill Feed and Corn Meal. GEO. Y. WORTHINGTON. A lot of Prime SEED WHEAT, on hand and for sale by the above. oc 4—10t [Culpeper Observer and Lynchburg Virg. and Rep. 5t.]

FOR SALE. A desirable BRICK DWELLING on King st. Apply to D. L. SMOOT, oc 29—tf Office, Market House Building.

Jewelry.

86 KING STREET. 86 SIGN OF THE GLASS CLOCK.

EDGAR S. FLEMING, truly thankful for the past patronage of the citizens of this city, and surrounding country, most respectfully solicits a continuation of their favors. He has just laid in a new and complete stock of WATCHES.

JEWELRY.

SILVERWARE, &c., and requests that all desiring anything in his line will give him a call before purchasing elsewhere, as he is determined to sell at pleasing prices.

Particular attention, as usual, paid to repairing Watches, Jewelry, &c. All work guaranteed.

All kinds of Silverware made to order. Having employed the finest workmen, both English and American, I am prepared to do all kinds of

WORK IN MY LINE.

Work done for the trade at reasonable prices.

Having secured the services of a first-class ENGRAVER, I am prepared to do all kinds of ENGRAVING.

The highest market price paid for old GOLD and SILVER.

Remember at No. 86, King St. oct 5—tf

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KIND IN THE CITY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1800.

78 KING STREET. 78

W. M. W. ADAM calls the attention of his old customers and the public generally, to his large and well assorted stock of WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER and PLATED WARE, CLOCKS, FANCY GOODS, &c., &c. He has just received a large stock of Spectacles of all kinds, and is prepared to suit the eyes of persons of all ages. Also received a lot of superior RUBBER EYE GLASSES, American WATCHES, gold and silver, of all grades. Solid Silver Spoons, Forks, &c., &c., manufactured of Pure coin. Also, Fancy Silver Ware, suitable for wedding presents, Forks, Spoons, &c., &c., triple plated on white metal. Fine Gold Pens and Holders.—He cordially extends to strangers as well as the resident public, an invitation to inspect his stock before purchasing elsewhere, assuring them that a call will not incur the least obligation to purchase. Having employed the very best American, English and Swiss workmen, he is prepared to execute Repairing of all kinds of work in his line. Work done for the trade at reasonable prices. All goods and work warranted. Engraving neatly executed. sep 27

GEORGE DUFFEY,

CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER.

No. 10 North Royal street, adjoining Simpson's shoe store.

WATCHES and JEWELRY carefully repaired and with dispatch. He would respectfully ask a call from his former friends, and the public generally. All watch work warranted. aug 29—tf

Lumber, Wood, Coal, &c.

LUMBER! LUMBER!! SLOAN & BRUNER Have for sale ALL KINDS OF LUMBER, At the lowest market rates. Hunter's Wharf, near the Tunnel. R. J. SLOAN. B. F. BRUNER. jy 5—6m

JAS. RECTOR SMOOT. JOHN PERRY SMOOT & PERRY, DEALERS IN LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, AND CALCINED PLASTER, No. 40 South Union Street. jy 15—tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

200,000 LUMBER. 200,000 Just received two hundred thousand feet 4-4 6-4 and 8-4 White Pine, Hemlock, and Spruce LUMBER; also Joist and Scantling which we offer for sale at the market rates. jy 14—6m SMOOT & PERRY.

HENDERSON BROS., Dealers in Groceries & Provisions

No. 226 King street, corner of Alfred. Have constantly on hand, and daily receiving a large and well selected stock of choice FAMILY GROCERIES & PROVISIONS, of all kinds to which they invite the attention of their friends and the public in general. feb 7—tf

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

WANTED, AT NO. 17, KING ST., any amount of RAGS, OLD IRON, COPPER, and BRASS.

For which the highest market price will be paid at all times. sep 29—tf

STOLEN.—Was stolen from Mitchell's Station, on Monday night, a white and red BULL DOG. A reward of \$10 will be paid for the recovery of the dog, and \$10 for the thief. Apply to Mr. J. Beach, 29, Alfred st., between Queen and Cameron streets. DENNIS O'LEARY, Mitchell's Station. oct 3—2t* Culpeper county, Va.

J. C. CLARK, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Office at the Court House. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. jy 13—4m